

Them' Wins Best-Novel Prize in U.S. National Book Award Winners Announced

By Henry Raymont

NEW YORK, March 3 (NYT). —A young woman who has gained critical recognition for her literary debut years ago and a grande dame of American letters known for her dramatic writing are among the winners of the National Book Awards for 1969.

The young woman is Joyce Kilmer, who carried off the fiction award for her latest novel, "Them," published by the Seagard Press. Lillian Hellman, author of "The Little Foxes" and a dozen other well-known plays, won the prize for her letters for her memoirs, "Unfinished Woman," published by Little, Brown.

Dr. Erik E. Erikson, the psychoanalyst, won the prize for philosophy and religion for "The Death of God," a study of Indian leader's doctrine of non-violence published by W. W. Norton. The prize for history and biography went to Harry Williams, Boyd professor of History at Louisiana State University, for his biography of "Ruey Long," published by Alfred A. Knopf.

Book by Singer

Isaac Bashevis Singer, the Jewish writer in Yiddish, won the award for children's books for "A Day of Pleasure: Stories of a Boy Growing up in Warsaw." Published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux. "The Complete Poems," by Elizabeth Bishop, also published by Farrar, won the poetry prize.

The translation prize went to Ralph Manheim, known for his translations of Gertie Grass and other German authors, for his work on a French novel "The Castle," by Louis-Ferdinand Celine, published as Seymour Lawrence book by Harcourt Press.

The annual awards for "the best distinguished books written by American citizens and published in the United States in the preceding year" were announced yesterday by the National Book Committee, an internally selected group representing six trade associations.

Controversy on Judges

The announcements, made by a representative of each of the seven juries at a news conference at the Biltmore Hotel, came against the background of controversy in the publishing industry over the selection of judges and other procedures, as has happened frequently since the award was established 20 years ago.

This year the controversy erupted with a public attack on the committee by Roger W. Straus, president of Farrar, Straus & Giroux. Mr. Straus, whose views are shared by many other leading publishers, sharply criticized the jury procedures and the committee's failure to effectively publicize the 35 books nominated for the awards on Feb. 15.

The criticism—much of it focused on the fiction panel—emerged yesterday as a principal theme of discussion at the various social activities and seminars organized around the awards which have drawn several hundred book critics and editors from across the country. The program will culminate tomorrow evening with the presentation of the seven awards of \$2,500 each at the Philharmonic Hall.

Some of the jurors were reported to have joined in the criticism at a private luncheon given by Peter S. Jennison, executive director of the committee, just before the announcement of the winners.

"There was a widespread feeling that the juries should be selected in a more systematic way," said Stewart Udall, a former secretary of interior during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, who was a member of the philosophy and religion panel.

Gilded Bow, Golden Arrows Missing in U.K.

WINDSOR, England, March 3 (AP). —A gilded bow, several golden arrows, two ceremonial swords and other arms in the personal collection of Queen Elizabeth II were reported missing today from Windsor Castle.

The items, including an Al-Berian gun and three pistols, are said to be worth between \$2,500 and \$2,000 (\$3,500-\$4,000).

The Persian bow and arrows, that given to Queen Victoria, have been on public display at the castle several times.

The arms were reported missing after a routine check of the storeroom. "No one knows whether they have been stolen or just misplaced," a palace spokesman said.

Police found no trace of a break-in at Windsor, the most frequently used royal residence after Buckingham Palace.

We would like to welcome President Pompidou,

however, that is impossible.

He is no friend.

We mean no discourtesy. We are admirers of France and its civilization. And we would have liked to hail its President on his visits to this country and this city. But in good conscience we cannot. He is no friend of the United States nor does he speak for the majority of the French people.

Many Frenchmen, including General de Gaulle—and even M. Pompidou who just spoke before the joint session of our own Congress—have not hesitated to criticize the official policy of our own government. We see no reason, therefore, why we should not voice our apprehension and concern with the policies of M. Pompidou. Why should he have it both ways?

But it appears that this is exactly the way he wants it. He wants American troops to stay on in Europe indefinitely and for France to be protected by the American nuclear umbrella. But he would like to have this without cooperating in NATO's integrated military system.

He is suspicious of any help and cooperation we extend to friendly governments in North Africa. But he doesn't hesitate to rush into Libya to take over positions from which the U.S. was unilaterally and unceremoniously evicted.

He wants to recolonize North Africa and the Middle East—calling it "France's Mediterranean Policy"—under the guise of protector of the Arabs. Thus he becomes wholesale supplier of the most dangerous sophisticated weapons to the most immature and irresponsible Junta, whose leader only a few days ago sought to justify the terrorism in the skies and the murder of innocent civilians.

We believe M. Pompidou's policy in the Middle East is undermining the efforts of our own government to introduce a sense of stability, international responsibility and peace in the Middle East. His policy is dangerous, reckless, and indefensible.

The facts are our most eloquent ally:

He has placed an embargo upon the State of Israel, and denied her weapons she requires for her defense and survival, weapons for which she has already paid.

He has sold 110 Mirage jets to Libya. What does M. Pompidou imagine Libya will do with 110 Mirage jets, spray her crops?

M. Pompidou indulges in the dangerous game of using an anti-Israeli policy as bait for currying favor with the Arabs. And under the guise of anti-Israel accusations and slander, we see the re-emergence and spread of anti-Semitism once again in France.

M. Pompidou, it would appear, is ready to sacrifice the state of Israel in order to restore France's position in the Arab world.

His predecessor, Gen. de Gaulle, quoted by the French press, has shown him the way: he has "resigned himself" to the "historic" disappearance of the State of Israel, and with great sadness foresees "the people of Israel to once more become the Wandering Jew."

Does M. Pompidou also foresee this? Is he also saddened?

While General de Gaulle, and his successor M. Pompidou, were obsessed to free themselves from what they considered "shackles of American influence," they have by now become slaves of their Arab clients.

Furthermore, M. Pompidou does not represent the majority of the French people. The French press and the French poll-takers have proved it: The latest opinion poll, taken only a few days before M. Pompidou left for this country, shows conclusively that the French people are opposed to their Government's policies in the Middle East.

—19% of those polled approved of the sale of the Mirages to Libya; 56% condemned it.

—20% approve of the arms embargo; 50% were of the opinion France should honor its contractual obligations and deliver the 50 Mirages that Israel has already paid for.

—20% approve of the French policies in the Middle East; 44% disapproved; 36% had no opinion.

—Even among members of the Gaullist Party (U.D.R.), whose leader is M. Pompidou, only 34% approved of his policy; and 34% were against. The rest preferred not to answer.

—Among the voters for the Communist Party, a majority of almost 60% rejected the anti-Israel policy of Pompidou, despite the Communist Party's proclaimed anti-Israel attitude.

The French press was even more categorical in its condemnation of M. Pompidou's policy in the Middle East. What outraged the French newspapers most, was not only the sale of 110 Mirages to a nation with only 8 pilots but also the evasions, the tricks, the lies that surrounded this sordid deal. The French Premier M. Chaban-Delmas confessed that "there can be no confidence on the part of the nation if its Government does not tell the truth."

M. Pompidou's Government is accused of precisely that. The French press accuse their Government of misleading not only its American Allies, but also its own people. The leading French daily, *Le Monde*, in an editorial titled "The Fear of the Truth" (Jan. 11, 1970) accused the Government of M. Pompidou of deception and underhandedness, and protested against misleading the press by lies and evasion.

In yet another editorial (Jan. 23, 1970) on the same subject, *Le Monde* declared that what is so disturbing in the behavior of the French Government in this matter is its obstinate insistence that the sale of the Mirages to the Libyans would not affect at all France's impartiality in the conflict in the Middle East. The Editorialist would like to know whom the government is trying to kid? "Regardless how hard one tries," he writes, "one still finds it most difficult to conceive against whom the Libyans will eventually use these planes if not against Israel."

Many Frenchmen are convinced that this policy, far from being in the best interests of France, will in the long run prove self-defeating. So do many Americans.

The truth of the matter is that the French policy, as pursued by the government under the Presidency of M. Pompidou, combines so many evil elements that it cannot but end in complete failure and, furthermore, constitutes a danger to world peace.

It is for these reasons that we cannot support the welcome of President Pompidou.

We take this occasion, however, to appeal to our own Government to counterbalance France's arming of the Arabs. It is time to speed up our Government's decision to sell the planes and other material so vital for survival to the besieged state of Israel.

We urge our Government to pursue its efforts to bring the warring parties of the Middle East to the negotiating table. Only in that way, through mutual give-and-take, can there ever be a just settlement.

We believe that public opinion in this country can tip the scales in favor of peace and stability in the Middle East. We believe it can encourage and strengthen this administration in its dealing with the other big powers to achieve a fair settlement.

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Construction Spending Declines Again in U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 3 (Reuters).—The pace of construction spending in January dropped 1.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$88.5 billion from revised \$89.3 billion in December, the Commerce Department reported today.

This is the fourth consecutive monthly decline in construction spending.

The department said the actual value of construction put in place in the latest month without a seasonal adjustment amounted to \$83.95 billion, compared with the

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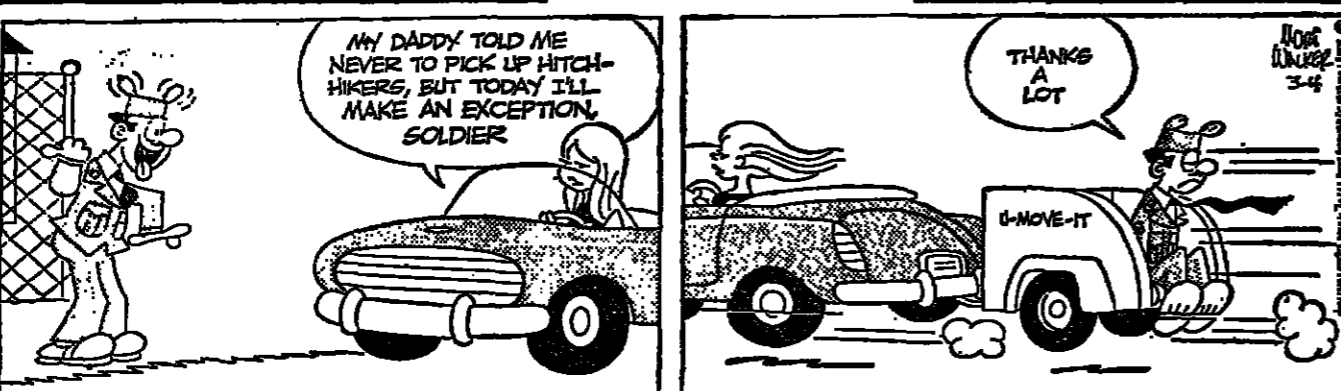
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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

The final stage of the marathon match between Omar Sharif's Circus of European stars and the Dallas Aces became a runaway for the American experts who led at the end of last week by 160 international match points with 42 deals remaining to be played.

In the diagramed deal, played Thursday, both declarers reached game and were doubled. However, the declarer for the Aces saved a trick to limit the size of the penalty.

At one table, as shown in the diagram, Claude Delmouly of France opened South with one club, showing at least 17 points in the "Bible Club" system. His partner, Giorgio Belladonna, raised to game in spades after the suit had been bid twice. East doubled.

At the second table, the opening bid was one spade. South jumped to three spades when an overall of two hearts was passed around to him, and North bid the game, which was doubled.

Both West players led the diamond queen; both Easts captured the king with the ace. East for the Aces returned his singleton club. West took South's king with the ace and gave his partner a club ruff, leaving the spade king as the only remaining trick for the defense.

Solution to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE - that scrambled word game

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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PITSE
WOAMED
SABBOR

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles TARDY SHEEP AMAZON PURITY
Answer: What the butcher turned actor got—MEATY PARTS

BOOKS

OUR TIME IS NOW
NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL UNDERGROUND

John Birmingham, Editor. Introduction by Kurt Vonnegut Jr. Praeger, 262 pp. \$5.95.

Reviewed by Sanford J. Ungar

It's easy to imagine: It probably could have happened anytime, anywhere with a population under 200,000. But in this case it was in Mahwah, N.J., which John Birmingham calls a "semi-rural community"—and there was a big crisis on a May day in 1969. The Board of Education was in urgent session and some of the taxpayers who were with anger. "There is a nude picture of a male in the middle of this thing," screamed Birmingham doesn't say, but she must have been screaming. Citizen X. "There are words in here that are absolutely atrocious, and to me, it's one of the biggest pieces of filth I've ever seen. And I think these kids should have something done to them, before the younger ones get to see something like this center section."

The problem? About 500 copies of the local high school's underground newspaper, The Oracle, had been distributed and some had fallen into what you might call hostile hands. Very hostile. This was serious business, because there apparently was a picture of the back of an undressed college student (lifted from a national news magazine), at least one use of a four-letter word (and are you ready?) talk of "pot." No wonder they wouldn't let the newspaper's associate editor testify before the younger ones. Birmingham doesn't say, but she must have been screaming. Citizen X. "There are words in here that are absolutely atrocious, and to me, it's one of the biggest pieces of filth I've ever seen. And I think these kids should have something done to them, before the younger ones get to see something like this center section."

What is this generation coming to, anyway? That's just what John Birmingham is asking in this book. Not surprisingly, his answers are different from those of the Movement to Restore Decency (MORDEC), which says that rock music, drugs, sex, long hair and all those other things are being promoted by Communists. And from those of Vice-President Agnew, who would "swap the whole damn zoo"—as he said recently in St. Louis—of "deserters, malcontents, radicals, incendiaries, the civil and uncivil disobedients among our young men, the Weathermen I and Weatherman II, the Revolutionary Action Movement, the Yippies, hippies, Yahoos, Black Panthers, lions and tigers alike... for a single platoon of the kind of young Americans I saw in Vietnam."

As a graduate in last year's class at Hackensack (N.J.) High School, Birmingham sees things very differently indeed. The problem is actually with "the adults" (surely only high school revolutionaries use that term for their adversaries), who cannot cope with the consequences of the growth process.

"Many adults seem to favor a repression of ideas that don't agree with their way of thinking," he says with the puzzle-mint and the naïveté that pervades the book. "Not that they would ever admit it, but it comes out in their attacks on the young and their different attitude. It all seems to be related to the adult's fear of conflict between what he is and his code of behavior—his beliefs—and his actual beliefs. That's what causes a lot of fusion in the minds of young."

It doesn't merely cause fusion; it drives them underground. Once there, they lash out, uncensored, in print all the words that and their elders use in anger. They get big ideas about fusing aspects of their social and personal lives, like the rhythm and dress regulations. Sometimes this attitude over to issues that are the property of the adults or of college students, such as the Vietnam War. "The underground is people educating each other," Birmingham explains, but I also willing to admit that, spirit of the underground is no longer be there."

"Our Time is Now" something for everybody, a catalogue of horrors, thrown out of school for a long hair, for cutting class, for refusing to pay a fee, for not wearing some clothes. Its heroes are new obscure ones. Like Alice Rivers, "a beautiful fourth-year-old from Brooklyn's famous Cobble Hill" who is a "lately devastated" author by applying for admission New York's all-male Stuyvesant High School. Joanna Ma "helped" put out a high school underground at the age of twelve; and McConnell of Columbus, O. who solved his conflicts by playing football in the fall, "radicalizing the school" in spring.

A few of Birmingham's memories between selection from underground newspapers are glib and silly; sometimes when it sounds as if publisher has forced him to claim some of the more extreme excerpts as a price for printing them. He reveals too much the awe he felt toward the New York City high school revolutionaries when he crossed Hudson River from Hackensack, and quotes them too much.

But the contributions are a portrait—like the point of view there is a whole new "generation gap" between college students and the high schools, the former cannot speak for the needs of their younger brother and sisters. And the translation for all to hear and read of it, guiding principle of the French student revolt: "Ce n'est qu'un début" ("It's just the beginning").

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CROSSWORD — By Will Went

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